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## 'Pizza Huts' will be razed for new condos

BY SEAN RYAN  
Staff Reporter

Gambier businessman Mark Ramser and Mount Vernon attorney Robert Rauzi presented a preliminary plan for building condominiums on the site that the Meadow Lane apartments (commonly known as the "Pizza Huts") now occupy at the September meeting of Gambier's Planning and Zoning Commission.

The preliminary plan calls for 26 detached condominium units to be placed on the nearly four acres of land. The plan is a "traditional neighborhood design," featuring front porches, houses close to the sidewalks, and alleys and long driveways that will prevent garages facing onto the main streets. The plan distributed at the meeting proposed two "boulevard"-style streets with landscaped medians to create a "park-like" atmosphere, according to the developers.

Rauzi owns the "Pizza Huts," and Ramser's family owns much of the currently-vacant land on which the condominiums will sit. The plan and proposed hous-



Jay Galbraith

Pizza Hut apartments are to be demolished

ing styles are based upon three existing neighborhoods in the Columbus area, one along Morse Road between Gahanna and New Albany and two in Delaware County.

The antipathy of village resi-

dents toward the Pizza Huts was illustrated when Ramser mentioned that the apartments would be destroyed as part of the development; a spontaneous wave of cheering and applause broke out in the audience, with one uniden-

tified man shouting out that he was sure that someone could get some explosives for the job.

Another resident said that, although they wanted the Pizza Huts to be gone as soon as possible, it should not cloud everyone's

judgment and allow standards to slip in the replacement development.

Ramser said he "could not speculate" on the prices of homes in the development. Similar developments in Columbus have sold for \$220,000 to \$300,000.

Ramser said the Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) will be a selling point for the development, as memberships are open to village residents at a price of \$100 per person or \$250 per family, according to a KAC brochure. Though the KAC emits much light facing northward toward the development site, Ramser said that it does not concern him because the College had taken steps to shield nearby homes from light pollution with a line of large pine trees.

Kenyon's Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell said the project "may be a positive impact to the community," specifically because it may house faculty members who could not previously find a home in Gambier to their liking. McConnell also said that losing the Pizza

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## Summer English program to debut

BY AERIN CURTIS  
Staff Reporter

A new 10-day pre-orientation program sponsored by *The Kenyon Review* and focused on 'writing across the curriculum' will open for incoming first-years this summer.

"It's a pre-season for the academic side," said Sergei Lobanov-Rostovsky, professor of English. "It won't be just a group of English majors—we're looking for different interests and actively recruiting from other disciplines. We hope to promote a sampling from different ideas and departments all centering around how a community like this is formed, how you relate to it, the history and traditions of it."

The pre-orientation writing program will seek to provide incoming students with a sense of how strong writing skills affect their work in many disciplines. The students will face a curriculum that incorporates ideas and writing exercises from multiple areas—not just English.

Approximately 60 students will be part of the initial program with the possibility of it opening to around 100 in later summers.

The program will be officially offered to students when they are accepted to Kenyon, though will have an extra fee.

"I'm really interested that we're offering a pre-orientation program for students so they can begin to form a writing circle from the moment they get to Kenyon," said Kirsten Reach '08, a third-year *Kenyon Review* associate. "I hope they can continue to use the peer resources they make throughout their Kenyon career."

The program has grown out of the interest generated by the Kenyon Review Young Writers' Program, which brings high school seniors to campus to work on fiction during the summer. Unlike this parent program, though, the pre-orientation program will be focused on non-fiction writing.

"It shows how writing is the center of a liberal arts curriculum, especially here at Kenyon," said David Lynn, editor of the *Kenyon Review* and professor of English. "It's not an accident. Writing is not a peripheral thing here; it's really central to whatever discipline you have in mind. Everyone needs

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## Students present summer research to Local Food Council

BY ALLISON BURKET  
News Editor

On Tuesday, a regular meeting of Knox County's Local Food Council focused on efforts by Kenyon's food service to purchase locally-grown food, how to promote awareness of buying and selling locally-grown food, and the conversion of downtown Mount Vernon's Buckeye Candy Company building into a local food center.

Since its formation in 2004, the council has met quarterly to discuss the Kenyon-run Rural Life Center's Food For Thought initiative, which provides "a special opportunity for interaction among individuals at all points of the food system and a unique point of contact between Kenyon and area residents," according to the Rural Life website.

The council's membership includes local farmers, institutional buyers, restaurant owners and representatives from Mount Vernon-based distributor Lannings Food, the Mount Vernon Farmer's Market, the College and AVI Foodsystems.

The council is a "collaborative effort" begun several years ago to help "develop a countywide food system," by pooling resources from the community and the College to

guide the Food for Thought initiative, with the goal of building a sustainable local market for foods produced in and around Knox County, according to the Rural Life Center web site.

### • Project updates

A featured component of Tuesday's meeting was the presentation of two student summer research projects. Meg Maurer '07 and Tempe Weinbach '07 surveyed over 100 Knox County residents to "investigate consumer buying habits and attitudes about local foods." While attitudes tended to be largely in favor of supporting local foods, it was consistently identified that "people don't know where to buy local foods," according to Assistant Professor of Anthropology Bruce Hardy, who advised the student researchers.

Juniors Liesel Schmidt and Mariana Templin's project involved driving along every road in Knox County and stopping whenever they saw a sign advertising an individual farmer selling food from home. "The purpose of this research was to discover the nature of these small-scale businesses: how prevalent they are, what are they selling, and who their customers are," said Schmidt.

Schmidt and Templin's travels brought them in contact with fifty sellers peddling what was often a surplus of eggs, fruit and meat. Half of those sellers expressed interest in being published in *Homegrown*, a guide to local food products published by the Rural Life Center in 2000, a new edition of which the Council hopes to publish this year.

John Marsh, vice-chair of the council and project coordinator for Food for Thought, presented the state of the ongoing project of trying to turn Mount Vernon's long-abandoned Buckeye Candy Building into a center for local foods, several floors of which were donated to the Food for Thought program.

"We are currently looking at costs to weigh the various local food promotional options the building affords the community," explained Marsh. "The critical role set before us now is to discover what potential for the facility exists within the body of local producers and to facilitate the development of that potential."

Marsh described the costs and benefits of options such as developing a co-op style marketplace or bringing in businesses to sell local

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# Spittle retires, reviews 60 years of changes at Kenyon



courtesy www.kenyon.edu

Ruth Spittle has served the Kenyon community for 60 years.

BY BLAKE ELLIS  
Staff Reporter

After over 18 years as a cashier at the Kenyon College bookstore and almost 60 years of involvement in the Kenyon community, Ruth

Spittle will retire on Sept. 30.

Spittle, who recently turned 75, said that she had considered retirement for a while but "had a lot of time to really think hard" during a three-day hospital stay in August after she was hit by a car in Mount

Vernon. The accident broke her pelvis in three places and prompted her decision to retire, she said.

From 1947 to 1977, Spittle worked in Peirce Hall as a cookie baker. This is where her love for and connection with Kenyon and its students began. "A lot of students had never even had a hot cookie before," she said of her delight in watching students down her freshly-baked treats every day of the week.

The affection she felt toward Kenyon's students is what drew Spittle back to the school in Sept. 1988 as a bookstore cashier, where she befriended and observed the Kenyon community.

Spittle said she "saw a lot of changes" during her tenure. When she first started working at the bookstore, the store consisted of only two rooms. The upstairs office and back room were added later.

Spittle doesn't think the bookstore is the same after the May retirement of Jack Finefrock, who managed the store since 1982. "Finefrock just added a certain air

to the place," she said.

Likewise, Finefrock said Spittle is a real presence at Kenyon.

Many of these sentiments Spittle has about the progression of the bookstore are also directed toward the evolution of the College as a whole.

"I don't think a lot of the changes have been for the better," she said. "There is a lot of unrest right now. It is not quite the relaxed atmosphere it used to be. ... Whenever there are a lot of changes, people get tense, because they don't know what is going to happen."

Concerning off-campus housing, she said, "I think everyone should live on campus, but there is no longer enough room for everyone."

One constant, according to Spittle, is her affection for students. "I love the students," she said. "The students have always been great. Aside from the occasional few, they have always been polite, friendly and willing to help people out."

"Mainly the students are what I will miss the most," she continued.

"I will miss all the different people who come back year after year and remember who I am, and I will miss getting to talk to them and getting to keep in touch with them over the four years they spend here."

Of Spittle's devotion to students, Finefrock said: "She knows the names of generations of Kenyon students, and she has a magic quality of understanding care."

Spittle has always tried to attend as many alumni events as she can in order to see what past students are doing in their lives. "I get very attached to them," she said.

"Ruth has always been a terrific Kenyon supporter, going to all the Kenyon games and events, with her happy, cheerful energy," said Finefrock.

In her retirement, Spittle plans to attend the same Kenyon activities, including sporting events and theater productions, that she has so ardently supported in the past. "It has been a wonderful 18 years, and I wouldn't have traded it for anything," she said. "I'll miss it, that's for sure."

## Condos: Plans for 'traditional neighborhood' unveiled

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Huts was not of any concern to the College because he does not believe any students currently lived there.

During the public comment portion of the two-hour meeting, residents and commissioners criticized the boulevards that are included in the plans, saying that there would be "too much pavement." One Village resident present at the meeting laughed at

the thought that this plan could be called "park-like" with so many wide streets. Commission Co-chair Tom Stamp suggested that the development might use narrower streets without medians and have more green space around the homes, as is more common in the village.

Mayor Kirk Emmert, who sat in front with the commissioners, suggested that the main boulevard, which would run from north to south through the center of the plan, should be eliminated

and that the homes should face onto a landscaped green space. The garages would then be accessed by a network of alleys that would encircle the homes from the rear.

Ramser, who presented the plan alone, said these ideas would work for him as well, as either idea would likely save him money because less asphalt would be needed.

Ramser said that he planned to come back with the official submitted plan next month for

its first consideration. Under Gambier's Planned Unit Development ordinance, a plan requires a total of three meetings after it is initially presented to be approved, meaning that the plan could be finalized by the end of the year. The Pizza

Huts cannot be torn down until May 15 because Rauzi has signed leases up to that time, Ramser said.

Ramser said after the meeting that approval with the College Township fire department, a site analysis, and a walkaround with village officials will happen in the next month. According to village code, after this is done, public notice will have to be given at a minimum of 10 days prior to a hearing.

Comments came from other residents on the idea of open space. Many residents and commissioners said they wanted more green space as a part of the plan.



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One of the proposed styles for the new condos.

Ramser said that the homes would be about 15 to 20 feet apart.

Other village residents said they are worried about the size of the homes, particularly the two-story design. Ramser presented. Ramser said that the homes are of "average size," between 1,500 and 2,100 square feet, with the two-story design being the second-smallest.

Though the building project is more dense than other Gambier neighborhoods, Ramser said this is necessary to recover the value lost from the destruction of the Pizza Huts, which he said represent a "cash flow" for Rauzi, despite their rundown condition.

### VILLAGE RECORD

Sept. 20 – Sept. 26, 2006

Sept. 20, 11:36 p.m.—Unregistered gathering at fraternity lodge. Students advised no parties could be scheduled on Wednesday nights.

Sept. 22, 9:44 p.m.—Underage possession of alcohol at Lewis Hall.

Sept. 22, 10:36 p.m.—Underage possession of alcohol at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 23, 1:19 a.m.—Underage possession of alcohol outside of Old Kenyon.

Sept. 23, 2:31 a.m.—Extinguisher/alarm sounding at Leonard Hall. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Sept. 23, 4:28 p.m.—Drugs found at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 23, 10:06 p.m.—Underage possession/consumption of alcohol at fraternity lodge.

Sept. 23, 11:19 p.m.—Underage possession of alcohol at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 24, 12:42 a.m.—Underage possession of alcohol at party in Old Kenyon.

Sept. 24, 1:53 a.m.—Chemical fire extinguisher discharged at Old Kenyon. Maintenance was notified for cleanup.

Sept. 24, 1:57 a.m.—Fire alarm/pull station pulled at Hanna Hall. No smoke or fire found and alarm was reset.

Sept. 24, 2:10 a.m.—Ill/intoxicated underage student in the Village. Emergency squad was notified and student was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 24, 9:34 a.m.—Motor vehicle accident involving College vehicle in parking lot at Kenyon Inn.

Sept. 24, 10:08 a.m.—Medical call regarding student at Snowden Center with injured ankle. Student was given crutches.

Sept. 24, 10:58 a.m.—Medical call regarding ill student at Caples Residence. College Physician was contacted.

Sept. 24, 2:26 p.m.—Medical call regarding student w/allergic reaction to bee sting. Student went to the hospital.

Sept. 24, 2:58 p.m.—Theft of items from vehicle parked in South Lot. Report filed with sheriff's office.

Sept. 24, 5:57 p.m.—Drugs found at Old Kenyon.

Sept. 24, 7:03 p.m.—Medical call regarding student with reaction to insect bite. College Physician was contacted.

Sept. 24, 9:18 p.m.—Drug paraphernalia found in Old Kenyon.

Sept. 26, 3:50 p.m.—Medical call to the Dance Studio regarding ill student. Student was transported to see College Physician.

Sept. 26, 4:51 p.m.—Theft of items from book bag at Olin Library.

Sept. 27, 2:22 a.m.—Suspicious vehicle/person outside of Farr Hall. License plate number was logged.

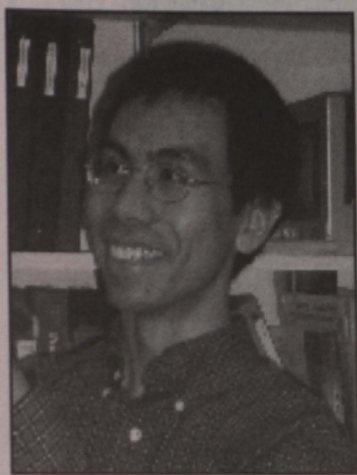
### CORRECTION

Due to staff error, information about the hours of the Grab and Go was misreported last week ("Grab and Go" will provide food in Olin," Sept. 21, 2006). The article reported that the Grab and Go will be open until 1 a.m. In fact, it will only be open until 10 p.m.

The Collegian apologizes for any inconvenience caused by these errors.



## Two's a charm? Garcia wins Dreyfus Award to expand undergrad research



BY LAURA GARLAND  
Staff Reporter

Theoretical chemist and Assistant Professor of Chemistry Simon Garcia has helped Kenyon to snag attention in the scientific community by becoming the second Kenyon-faculty winner of the prestigious Dreyfus Award in two years.

The Camille and Henry Dreyfus Foundation's Faculty Start-up Award was given to only six other recipients nationwide this year and John Hofferberth, assistant professor of Chemistry, won last year.

The purpose of the grant is to aid a select number of chemistry professors in starting new undergraduate research projects. Garcia is an expert on crystal growth with a focus in metal-oxides and has been recognized for his project titled "Molecular control of crystal growth will enable the rational synthesis of nanostructured metal-oxide materials."

The award is an unrestricted grant of \$30,000 and will be divided into different spending

categories within Garcia's current research project, which focuses on reactions important to nanotechnology. While a significant portion of the grant will be devoted to instrumentation, materials and the individual crystal worked with, Garcia said, "What most people forget to budget for, especially at larger universities, is students."

Garcia's own undergraduate experience involved work in the chemistry department, but compared to Kenyon's standard of student involvement in the research sector, he says what he did seemed more like errand-running with limited exposure to what was actually going on. One of the things that pleases him most about Kenyon is that "the [chemistry] department feels that it's important to budget for the students—they should not feel like they're doing this just to satisfy a requirement but to become part of the scientific community."

About three quarters of the money will go to stipends that allow students to spend time looking up, writing up and comparing research and to go to conferences to defend research, as well as to cover the everyday fees associated with such work, like travel and food expenses. The project is focused on molecular control of crystal growth.

Garcia arrived at Kenyon this semester as a new tenure-track member of the faculty, from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Garcia noted the benefits of working for the government, including hours of 9 to 5

and "benefits you don't even know what to do with," but he maintains that even with the hours and complete time-devotion of a Kenyon faculty position, "the difference is that every minute I spend awake here is worthwhile. It's something I love doing."

Possibly just as sleep-deprived as the Kenyon student body and readily admitting that students groan every time he assigns a new problem set, Garcia is nonetheless confident both that his students will thank him later and that what's happening in Kenyon's chemistry department is something very significant. "[The research and instruction] instill me with the feeling that I'm not just turning the crank; I'm creating."

Garcia became interested in the chemistry field in a round-about manner. With a medical-technician father, who received an education with the help of the G.I. Bill after Vietnam, and an avid-gardener mother, Garcia was exposed to rare lab and science opportunities and consequentially became involved in the field at an early age.

Toward the beginning of his college career he rebelled with a music-major stint at the University of California-San Diego but ultimately was won over to the discipline of chemistry in his second semester in freshman year as classes began to expose him to "high-tech, cool stuff that most chemistry students don't learn in high school or even most college chemistry classes." Besides, he said, "chemistry was so much easier."

## Food: 17 percent of dining fare is local



Ali Kittle  
Farmers and Mount Vernon residents participate in the farmer's market every Saturday

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foods for profit. However, without a complete knowledge of how much projects will cost and where donations are coming from, no decisions could be made, Marsh said.

"There was a big hesitation within our group to consider something non-profit," said Marsh. "The biggest shortcoming we saw is if there's no money in this place now, how are we going to know there is going to be funding in the future?"

### • Local food in Kenyon dining halls

Melody Monroe, resident director of AVI, presented the current status of local foods in Kenyon's dining halls, which is one of the council's largest ongoing projects.

According to Monroe, 16.5 percent of the current food in the dining halls is locally grown, including much of the produce and some of the ground beef and chicken. Although that number is down from the 19.1 percent at the end of last semester, Monroe said AVI's goal is to reach 30 percent by December.

"We are starting to establish direct connections between AVI and local farmers," explained Howard Sacks, director of the Rural Life Center and chair of the council. "As the semester progresses, things will get more routine."

"We have an ongoing effort to open the communication link to the community and all farmers to increase the number of local farms that we source from, not only for Kenyon's dining halls," said Sam Gillard from Lannings Food, the distributor from which Kenyon buys its local food. "We sell a lot of local produce to our other customers."

One of the goals for the semester, according to Monroe and Sacks, is to improve the "educational component" within the dining halls, making it more clear which foods are locally grown and which farms they come from.

Monroe and Sacks also hope to address the question of what exactly 'local' means. The definition currently includes counties surrounding Knox County.

### • Next step

However, one of the obstacles to the initiative's goals is a lack of awareness of the potential for a local food network. May farmers said that their own neighbors were unaware of even the weekly farmer's market in Mount Vernon. Sacks and other members of the Council emphasized that the next large step for the group is to come up with a formal marketing strategy in order to more effectively spread the word to Knox County residents.

"The support in the community is that you literally have to go dig it up," said Marsh.

The Council also hopes to come up with a more effective system of connecting institutional buyers, such as restaurants or retirement homes, with local producers, in order to guarantee both a stable supply and demand.

### • Why local food?

"I think local food is all about creating a community, the sort of community that's been lost over the past 50 years," said Aaron Clark-Ginsberg, president of the Kenyon student organization People Endorsing Agricultural Sustainability (PEAS), who also attended Tuesday's council meeting. "It's about trying to recreate those links through which people knew each other, people cared about each other. ... It's something that benefits the community nutritionally, economically, emotionally."

One of the goals of PEAS, explained Ginsberg, is to be a sort of liaison to the student body to help encourage awareness of these issues.

Marsh also envisions expanded student involvement. "I see Kenyon students stepping into the community as project ambassadors to other young adult and youth audiences across the county," he said.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Nugent and McConnell to answer student questions at forum

This Wednesday, Oct. 4, President Georgia Nugent and Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell will address the questions of the student body in an all-campus forum. The Student Life Committee, who arranged the event to provide students with an opportunity to voice concerns regarding anything from components of student life to questions about the Master Plan, will select the questions for Nugent and McConnell based on ideas submitted by e-mail from the student body. The forum will take place at 7 p.m. in Higley Auditorium and is open to everyone.

—Allison Burkett

### "Fiscal probationary status" now possible for student organizations

At a Student Council meeting on Sept. 3, the Student Council Student Life Committee presented the possible implementation of a "fiscal probationary status" for registered student organizations that overspend or misuse their allocated funds.

According to the plan presented by the committee, all registered student organizations will be required by the second Friday of each semester to submit a re-registration form and an addendum including goals for the upcoming semester and accomplishments from the previous semester. The committee will then decide whether the organization can maintain its regular status or receive a semester of warning-probationary status, which precedes fiscal probationary status.

During the semester of warning-probationary status, organizations are required to meet with the director of student activities before using allocated funds. At the end of this semester the organization will be re-evaluated as to whether they will earn regular registered status, or go on full fiscal probationary status. Organizations on fiscal probationary status are not able to request funds for the semester, unless it is through supplemental budgets approved by the Business and Finance Committee.

Vice President of Student Life Jesse Lewin '07 explained that the proposed implementation of "fiscal probationary status" was presented to Student Council as "a sketching of ideas on how to improve communication between student life and the Business and Finance Committee, to make groups more responsible for carrying out the goals that they set forth at the beginning of the semester."

—Leah Finn



# English: 60 first-years to participate

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to be able to express their ideas clearly and forcefully so they can be shared with others."

A second goal of the program is to instill a sense of community among the students who attend it. The students will move into their dorm rooms and be housed near each other to promote a lasting sense of that educational community. There will be events throughout the year tying back into the program that will also be open to the rest of the Kenyon community.

"The students will spend a very intensive ten days in an intellectual community, and that will be their introduction to Kenyon, which will create little pods of interested, serious people who know each other and want to keep working together," said Lynn. "From the moment people arrive here they are inundated

with drinking and parties and temptations that distract them from why they're here. We are introducing students to Kenyon as a place where learning, writing, and being part of a community of writers comes first."

The program has already received an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant of \$49,000 for start-up cost, but the *Review* hopes to gain more outside funding in an effort to keep student costs down. Scholarship money and financial aid will also be offered to participants.

"We are trying to get any student on campus before orientation who wants to be," explained Lobanov-Rostovsky. "There is a feeling that there are some aspects of student culture which are healthy and some that are less so, so we see this program as something to offer people that supports the idea of an intellectual and positive community."

## Nugent, McConnell address Student Council

Kenyon College's Student Council met on Sunday, Sept. 24 and discussed the following items:

- President Georgia Nugent and Chief Business Officer Dave McConnell spoke about the renovation of Peirce and the campus dining program. McConnell told the members that Peirce will reopen during spring semester of 2008. He also reported that daily traffic counts are taking place in Ernst and Gund to determine how they can improve campus dining accommodations.

- In response to concerns about the difficulty of finding spaces for activities, McConnell emphasized the flexible approach that AVI and the College are taking to accommodate student preferences and needs. President Nugent reminded the assemblage that everyone in the College community is inconvenienced by changes in campus buildings. Nugent also suggested that the College might find more efficient ways to use already-existing spaces for campus programming.

- In a discussion about the College's current Master Plan, President Nugent called for higher student participation in community forums. Nugent described the Master Plan as a broad, conceptual planning mechanism for campus development that will come in to play piece by piece rather than all at once.

- Housing and Grounds Committee Chair David Slochower '07 suggested creating to students a newsletter providing information about college decision-making would be helpful. Nugent recommended a system of liaisons and regular meetings between administrative figures and student government, connecting student committees with mirrored administrative officers.

- Slochower said that the Housing and Grounds Committee is in the process of discussing the College's Master Plan as well as the need for better communication with the Office of Residential Life with regard to the implementation of the proposal for a new lottery system.

- Senate Co-Chair Norm Kaufmann '07 informed the Council that the Senate is in the process of setting the agenda.

- Bob Warnock '07, chair of the Security and Safety Committee, said the committee's consensus is that there is a need for increased access to blue phone consoles as well as increased campus lighting around the new Ernst dining facility. He also informed the Council of the Security and Safety Committee's intention of redrafting the Adopt-a-Security Guard program for next year's incoming freshman class.

BY TEDDY EISMEIER

## BEFORE YOU GRADUATE...



Ali Kittle

While at Kenyon, it's important to support the local community and a great way to do so is to indulge in the Market's \$0.50 hot dogs, affectionately known as "market dogs". These tasty treats are a terrific way to stave off starvation. However, as Brendan McCarthy '07, Edward Butler Righter Jr. '09, and Zach Shapiro '08 learn the hard way, with any indulgence, moderation is key. Before you graduate, enjoy a market dog.

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# Culture shock hits Kenyon

*Students returning from abroad strive to readjust to Kenyon academics, a changing student body and life on the Hill*

BY STU SCHISGALL  
Staff Reporter

After two years of rigorous academic demands and complete isolation, Kenyon students are encouraged to go abroad and reacquaint themselves with the rest of the world.

Due to the many academic institutions Kenyon has links with, students here have the opportunity study almost anywhere in the world in their third year. Last year's juniors scattered countries in Europe, South America, North America, Africa, Australia, Asia and the Middle East. The transition back to Kenyon for each student differs as much as the varying locations they traveled to.

"Honestly, I'm still in transition," said Cori Hirai '07 after spending her fall semester in Equatorial Guinea, Africa, and her spring semester in Honduras. "My experiences abroad have changed who I am and how I view things, so I'm still figuring out how I fit into Kenyon. I still love Kenyon as much and often walk around campus, very thankful to be back."

"The biggest change for me was the immense change in the student body," Sarah Goldstein '07 said after spending her year in Exeter, England, as part of the Kenyon-Exeter Program. "The last time I was on Kenyon soil I was a sophomore with friends in all four classes and lots of upperclassmen to befriend, emulate and idolize, and then suddenly,

I'm the senior and I have only a handful of friends in my grade and the one below."

Senior Peter Seabrook said "after spending seven months in Beijing, returning to tiny Gambier definitely took a bit of adjustment." Seniors returning from abroad said that life in a different country is not always enjoyable; as Hirai reflected, "the experience in Equatorial Guinea was not the most positive for me...I did not particularly fit in with the group in EG and felt that I had to pretend to be somebody I wasn't just to survive the trip."

"I made a big effort to befriend students from the country I studied in, and was infinitely glad I did," remarked Goldstein, who was constantly surrounded by fellow Kenyonites in the Exeter Program.

The academic culture was another factor in the study abroad experience that varied for each student. "I didn't feel like I was having a vacation semester or anything," Hirai remarked, "especially because our days were filled with field work. There may have not been as much written work, but there were other means of work that were substantial."

Goldstein said she felt that even though "I only had six hours of class time a week, there was way more assigned reading." Seabrook also felt that his experience in China was "pretty rigorous, definitely more so than at Kenyon".

Many students who went

abroad found themselves in the role of (unintentional) U.S. ambassadors. "Very often the view towards the United States was one of derision towards George Bush," Goldstein remarked on our closest allies' sentiments. "On the other hand, I was rarely held accountable for the politics of the United States. In fact, the most common question I got was whether college parties in the U.S. were similar to the parties in *American Pie*."

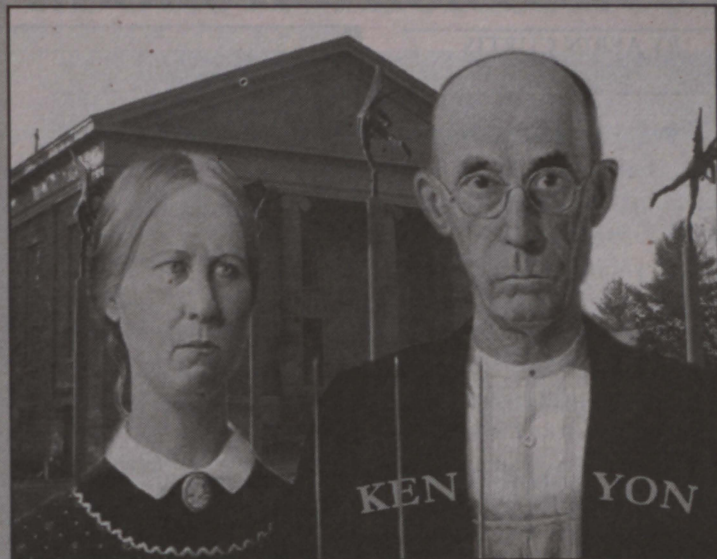
Hirai remembered that "it was standard for guys to approach us and propose marriage before even asking our names. Sometimes they would also continue to ask us to take them to the States or just continually profess their love. One of my local friends told me he wanted to go to the U.S. so he could join the military and shoot people."

Liz Stubbins '07, who spent her spring semester in the Dominican Republic, said that "many Dominicans wanted to emigrate to the U.S. for better economic opportunities so they were very receiving of the U.S. culture."

Students who opted to remain on campus during their junior years noted that, although they did not leave, their junior year was different from previous years spent here. Ira Ochs '07 felt that having a large percentage of the junior class off-campus "forced me to meet new people and that it was less exciting with a lot of the people I knew being gone."

## Sex & the Country

*First comes love, then comes marriage?*



BY SARAH MASEL  
Staff Columnist

Two years ago, during one of those senior year "why do I want to go to college?" discussions, one of my best friends confidently declared that she wanted a higher education for one reason, and one reason alone: to get her M.R.S. degree. Rolling my eyes, I immediately contested these aspirations; my dear friend would not only be wasting her 40k education in order to find a hubby but, more importantly, this is the 21st century, and perceiving marriage as a must in life is, simply put, BS.

Doesn't anyone else remember the empowering words of Destiny's Child's "Independent Women?" Did watching too many *Sex and the City*'s on OnDemand make the idea of single, 30-something, successful women wearing fabulous Manolos seem tired? And what ever happened to feminism?

Interestingly enough, by first semester of last year, the thought of not finding a mate somehow evolved into an all-consuming fear for me, and, as I later learned, I wasn't the only one. In fact, throughout my two years in college, I have found a significant number of college students, boys and girls alike, who are fixated on the possibility or impossibility of marriage.

The prevalence of these obsessions fascinated me to such a degree that I couldn't help but wonder why in college, an environment that is so conducive to sexual promiscuity and exploration, monogamy is still in the back of all of our minds.

During an awkward small-talk session with an acquaintance from high school transferring after his freshman year of college, I was stunned to hear that one of his reasons for switching schools was because the girls were, and I quote, "not the marrying type." A close friend at Kenyon expressed similar feelings when he confided that he would never date a girl who wasn't marriage material. Another student at Kenyon, who is in a long-term relationship with another classmate, even told me that she and her significant other had once discussed their potential marriage plans, including the possible locations and, I kid you not, color schemes.

So what is it that gives college students such an insatiable itch to find what the infamous Dating Doctor refers to as their "mmm-hmms?"

One girl I talked to at Middle Ground believed that because most of our own parents met in college, we expect to meet our wives/husbands in the same setting and even view our experiences in higher education as the last chance to do so. The first-year boy sitting next to her agreed and added that perhaps it was more of an issue of maturity; when we figuratively cross into adult territory, we expect our relationships to do the same.

In contemplating the reasoning behind my own old-maid phobia, I recalled a scene from *Clueless* in which Cher asserted that "searching for a boy in high school is as useless as searching for meaning in a Pauly Shore movie." Perhaps because I was a young and impressionable third grader at the time, her proclamation has stuck with me throughout the years. Maybe I had always figured high school boys were just for practice, while college boys were the real deal.

Regardless, the source of this marriage concern among college students can on some level be attributed to our society's emphasis on the future; there always seems to be another step of life on which we must focus. In elementary school, we strived in academics so we could get that seat in honors math or English. In middle school, we were Plastics so that our reputations among those hot high school seniors would precede us as soon as we became freshmen. In high school, it was college that devoured our attention. And now that we're all finally here, the next step in life seems to be settling down and, potentially, marriage.

But instead of concluding this piece with relentless demands of sticking it to the man and choosing bachelor/etthood as your alternative life path, I will instead ask that you let your mind wander where it must.

Enjoy college not for its spousal opportunities but rather for what it is at this moment in your life: a pool of endless possibilities in which good company, miserable sleepovers in the library, crappy food, inspiring academics and, of course, drunken hookups collide to create an experience unlike any your future (with your other half) will hold.

## Social Scene

The clouds hanging over Kenyon on Friday afternoon loomed dark like the responsibilities we students wished to forget for two evenings. The forecast? Partying. Unfortunately, all that heavy buildup led only to small, scattered showers of fun, rather than the deluge so desperately needed.

One frat boldly attempted to host a "Beer Olympics," only to have all events canceled prematurely by an overactive security force. Apparently, security doesn't like to let anyone play if they're not officially invited, too. The arrival of security led to a mass evacuation to New Apartments, mainly via the overworked and underappreciated Safedrive. They're the true heroes of any social scene: even though you can't bring a drink inside the car, they'll bring you inside the car to another drink!

After thanking our friendly volunteers (because no one would jump out of that minivan without saying thank you, right?) and after unbuckling those seatbelts that you (and your number of assuredly legal friends) surely wore, most either joined the random assortment of people awkwardly dancing upstairs or the random assortment of people awkwardly mingling outside.

Pervading everything was the classic Friday syndrome of wanting to go out with nowhere to go. That, along with a fast depletion of beer, brought many people either to Milk Cartons or to bed relatively early, with dreams of Saturday's all-Greek party dancing in their heads.

Sponsored by the Greek Council and all the Greek organizations (although one frat apparently preferred to hang out at their own lodge), Saturday night promised to be relief for frustrated students. However, despite exuberant efforts of the Greeks working the door, one freshman decided that four kegs would not suffice. He earned the party two strikes by getting caught in the bathroom holding a beer bottle in his unmarked hand, cutting short the dance party.

Confused but still in the groove, the crowd then migrated down to Aclands, either parading about the communal lawn in typical Acland fashion or dancing inside at a birthday party for someone they didn't know. Altogether, last weekend resulted more in cramps from walking than from dancing or drinking.



# Butterfly garden refurbished after years of neglect

BY AERIN CURTIS  
Staff Writer

"Every living thing provides challenges," said Pat Heithaus, longtime Brown Family Environmental Center (BFEC) volunteer and professor of ecology. "The [BFEC] butterfly garden presents lots of challenges and we're trying to meet those challenges."

Heithaus, student volunteers, and other community members spent several months this summer repairing the neglect that had crept over the past few years into the BFEC butterfly gardens. They unearthed the rocks that outlined the beds, remulched the paths and weeded the beds, clearing out weeds such as goldenrod, thistle and wingstem.

"One of the interesting challenges in reclaiming the garden was that the native plants could be easily recognized but the horticultural plants were hard to recognize before they bloom," said Heithaus. "We'd have to wait to see what they were."

During the reclamation project, the gardeners attempted to leave areas of intergrown plants in the centers of beds while emphasizing islands of flowers closer to the edges. Several of the volunteers hope that other members of the commu-



The butterfly garden at the Brown Family Environmental Center has been refurbished this year. Butterflies can be seen fluttering through the vibrant array of colorful flowers.

Lissy Kahn

nity would make use of the newly reorganized butterfly garden and come down to volunteer.

"The thing that is so special is that you're working down there and people come and ask you

questions," said Heithaus. "It's the community connections. It's a place of discovery - bringing it back is bringing back a place for people to get away from it all and sit and reflect. The butterfly

garden coming back is a rebirth of new ideas."

The BFEC broke ground on the butterfly garden in the spring of 1996. Seven flower beds were outlined and planted with but-

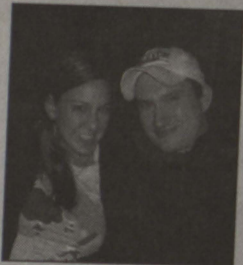
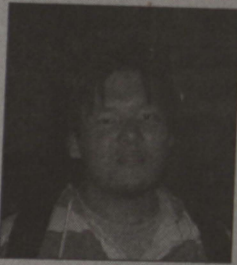
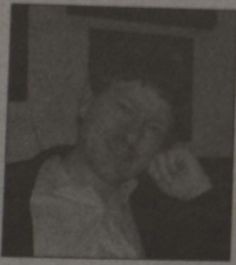

terfly-attracting flowers. Initial plants were donated by people in the community and the gardens were maintained by a group of volunteers who weeded particular patches, and the head gardener structured the work of other volunteers.

But the system did not last. "We didn't have the right combination of knowledge and action," said Heithaus. The gardens do not use either pesticide or weed killers, meaning that the weeds have to be dug by hand. After the addition of the box turtle garden and prairie in 1997 and the medicinal garden in 1998, the volunteers had a harder time maintaining the basic level of upkeep in the gardens.

"The paths got harder to maintain and the weeds grew in," Heithaus said. "The rock boundaries disappeared and then the native plants sort of took over. We are really hoping to get the docents back."

"The butterfly gardens are important because they provided a spot for people of all different passions — a spot for artists, biologists, poets — who just want to enjoy the flowers," said Liz Lewis '07, who worked in the gardens over the summer. "The gardens were a bit out of control and needed to be cleared, but I need the gardens. I'm kind of obsessed with them now."

## Gambier Grillin'

Question	 Tom Irgens '08 and Marissa Maybee '08	 Ping Lai '08	 Benjamin "Doc" Locke, Music	 Adriano Duque, Spanish	Correct Answer
The average ear of corn has how many kernels?	400	1300	650	500	800 ± 200
How many faculty members are in the physics department?	8	12	6	10	10 ± 2
Which political leader was born in a ladies' room during a dance?	Someone not that interesting... Warren G. Harding	George W. Bush	Rutheford B. Hayes	Andrew Jackson.	Winston Churchill.
What special property does cat's urine possess?	Um, decorative qualities?	It will make you invisible.	It stinks.	It glows in the dark.	It glows in the dark.
Who was Edgar Allen Poe's beautiful maiden in a "kingdom by the sea?"	Clementine.	Sarah?	Annabel Lee	Barbra Streisand.	Annabel Lee.
Students: 7 / Faculty: 10					

BY MARA ALPERIN



# Students camp to raise awareness about homelessness

BY KATE FARROW  
Staff Reporter

Remember when you were a kid and you used to "camp out" in your living room or, if you were feeling particularly adventurous, in the backyard? Of course, there was always the reassuring fact that a real home and a hot breakfast were waiting for you when you woke up the next morning.

American studies major Aaron Clark-Ginsberg '07 is trying to remind the Kenyon community that this is not the case for many Americans, and is raising awareness of homelessness by camping out with students and faculty in tents next to Middle Path.

"I decided to camp out for a month to raise money for Habitat [for Humanity]," said Aaron. "I really do believe that there is a huge housing crisis in our country as well. I think something that bursts the idealistic Kenyon bubble is a really big fuss because we're the future movers and shakers and it's good to get people thinking about this stuff. It needs to happen."

Clark-Ginsberg began organizing the project last semester. He went about recruiting people and notifying the Kenyon community of his project via email, contacting friends and family as well.

"Sometimes," said Clark-Ginsberg, "people just show up

and I don't even know who they are and they'll camp out with me. It's kind of nice."

The camping began Friday September 8 at midnight and will last for another two weeks. So far, Clark-Ginsberg has received about \$2,000 in donations, which will go to the Knox County chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Thirteen people have camped out with him, including members from Delta Kappa Epsilon (DKE).

Most people, according to Clark-Ginsberg, do not stay in the tents during the day, but rather use them as a sleeping place at night.

A few Kenyon organizations are participating as well. Canterbury is doing a relay campout in which different member of Canterbury sleeps in their designated tent each night. Reverend Karl Stevens, who Clark-Ginsberg met while doing volunteer work in New Orleans this past winter, was "a huge help in getting approval for the project," said Clark-Ginsberg.

He is hoping to use this project as a foundation for an Ohio-wide month-long campout involving other colleges but has yet to hear a response from the heads of other Habitat for Humanity chapters.

"I've gotten a lot of great responses," Clark-Ginsberg said. "I'm not very good at publicity so ... I think the students are



Paul Reed

Aaron Clark-Ginsberg '08 stands in front of the tents in which he has been camping to raise awareness about homelessness on campus.

still a little bit in the dark with the whole project, but I've been sending out emails to friends and family friends ... I think it's a success." Clark-Ginsberg has been keeping an online journal for the project, which can be accessed at <http://www.kenyon.edu/x33457>.

xml. He is planning to camp out again next year.

Clark-Ginsberg is also interested in environmental activism and is the president of People Endorsing Agrarian Sustainability (PEAS), which is a local food activism group.

## David Orr gives Edgerton Lecture on climate change and sustainability

BY MAIA RABER  
Features Editor

In his Sept. 20 lecture "*Life on the Edge: Climate Change and Intergenerational Rights*" David Orr, a professor and chair of the environmental studies department at Oberlin College, turned environmental issues into moral and political ones. He focused much of his talk on our responsibility for the "life and rights of future generations" and criticized the U.S. press for its premium on "infotainment" rather than real, important news.

To begin this lecture—the first in the Edgerton Lecture series, which focuses on alternate and sustainable energy sources—Orr said that there have been and will continue to be "permanent alterations on Planet Earth ... largely at the hands of a single generation ... from 1950 to the present" and that a "very small slice of humanity is imposing problems on [our] generation and generations after." He listed some of the scarier possible results of the climate change induced by this generation's carelessness, including huge rises in temperature, stronger



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David Orr

storms, and flooding, showing on a map how much U.S. coasts will shrink if all of these changes come to pass.

Comparing these environmental issues to the controversy surrounding abortion, Orr argued that by the same pro-life logic adopted by a great number of American

people, one generation should not be able to take away the life of its progeny.

Expressing his frustration with American media, Orr posited that we are being "dumbed down" by homogenized news sources; there are only five major media companies that control most of the news networks on television. While we like to pride ourselves on having a "free press," he said, our nation has, according to one study, only the 27<sup>th</sup> freest

press in the world. Global climate issues are discussed relatively infrequently on television news and are often pushed to the back pages of newspapers.

As Orr put it, "we all know hundreds of corporate logos but can't name ten plants or animals native to where we live."

Although much of his lecture focused on the negative, Orr ended on a positive note, saying that although we need to "rethink a lot of the things we take for granted," the discourse on environmental issues does not need to be all "gloom and doom." Efficiency, he said, is not necessarily painful, and we are not "fated to suffer the heat death of the earth."

In a question-and-answer session the day after his lecture, when asked how he pictured people living in a "post-carbon world," Orr responded that, as long as we do not wait too long, in which case "life could be hell," there will be much more locally or regionally grown food, and schools and grocery stores will be within walking or biking distances from homes. To achieve the goal of locally and regionally produced food everywhere, Orr said, the entire infrastructure of the production and transportation of food will have to change.

Asked what a small college like Kenyon can do, Orr suggested a more tightly spaced campus, more bike trails and incentives for students to not bring cars to school.

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—Claire Potter '10

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—Mary Dziedzic '09



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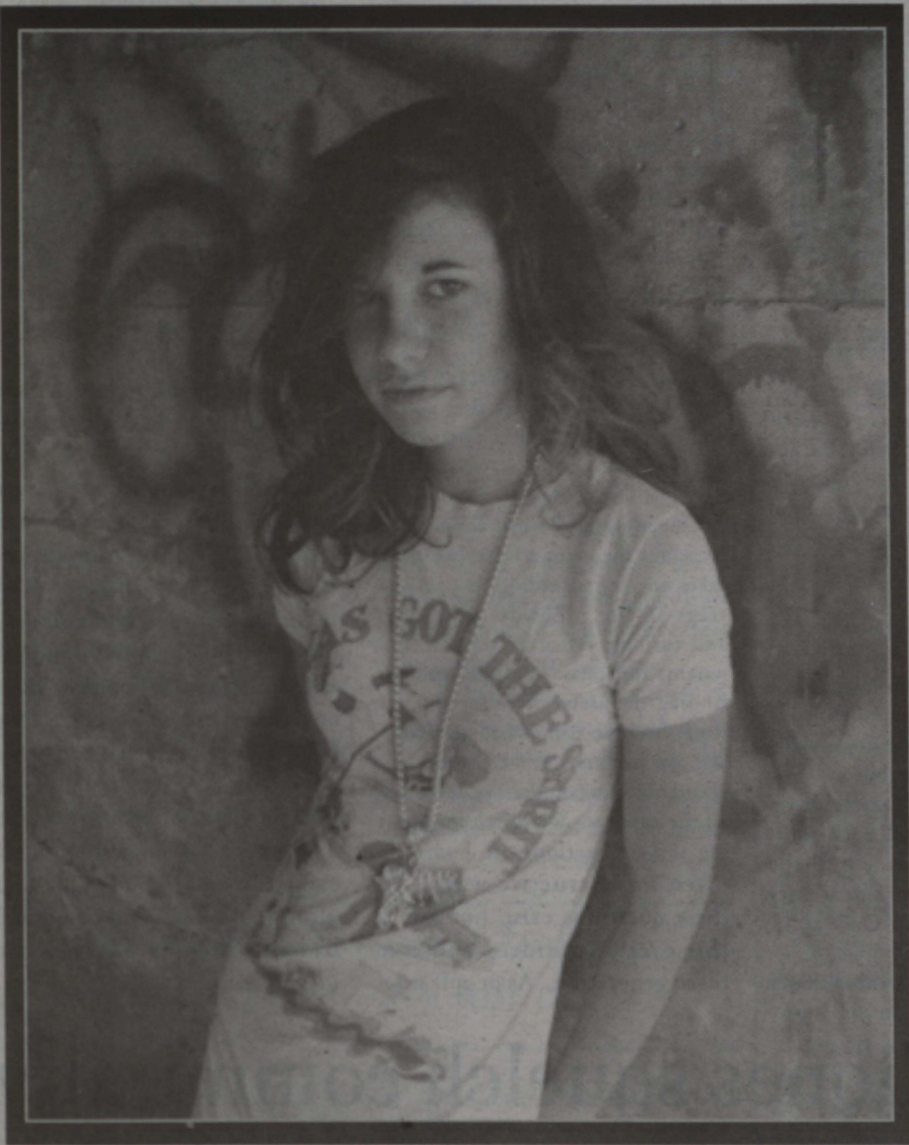
“Sweet!”

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# FASHION SHOWCASE



“Gangster, cheap.”  
—Hannah Carlson '10

“Bohemian.”  
—Rania Salem Manganaro '10



“Preppy with a personal twist.”  
—Rebecca Yarbrough '09







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## Gambier gentrified

One of the hottest issues on the spring 2004 docket of the Gambier Planning and Zoning Commission concerned fritted glass on Kenyon's soon-to-be-constructed athletic facility. Kenyon decided to forego using glass designed to mute light emission for the walls of the nascent Kenyon Athletic Center (KAC) and instead use the "low-E" glass for which they already had a permit.

Peeved village residents appealed the decision and were rebuffed on procedural grounds, but the grumbling continued. Residents worried that a large athletic center would wreak havoc on the community's texture and said that the KAC's nighttime light emission would make living in Gambier undesirable.

Undesirable, indeed. This fall, the Planning and Zoning Commission is reviewing quite a different proposal, this time for a development that would replace the squalid "Pizza Hut" apartments with sleek new condos which list the KAC as an amenity and as a rationale for their possible \$200,000 to \$300,000 price tags (see story, page 1). Residents cheered when they heard news of the "Pizza Huts" demise and offered to dynamite the apartments themselves. Gambierites are apparently perfectly willing to alter the shape of the village—as long as it means obliterating the riffraff.

Gambier lacks adequate housing; half of the village's homes are more than 50 years old, and the median home value is \$115,000, slightly below the national average of \$119,000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Kenyon employees now have a difficult time finding acceptable housing that is close to campus. But will new faculty members buy condos that cost twice as much as the community's average home? Will College support staff buy them?

Doomsday predictions for a post-KAC Gambier have been replaced with visions of "traditional" homes and lush lawns. It is clear that, in a village undergoing large structural changes, the outcomes of building projects are hard to predict. Residents should consider the effect that these condos will have on the once-prized "texture" of the community, or Gambier will become a village not of artists and thinkers but of well-off retirees with buns of steel.

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## Organized religion unnecessary for spiritual growth



BY AMANDA LEWIS  
Guest Columnist

What is religious life like at Kenyon? I can't even begin to count the number of times I've been asked this question. Pessimists say it's non-existent. That's a bit of an exaggeration; however, few can deny the weakness of overt religious life. Is this a problem?

No. While many religious organizations attempt to boost membership, I believe that the amount of formal religious participation on campus is not indicative of the amount of spiritual contemplation occurring. As one of the leaders of Canterbury, I know full well the constant search for the one great event that will reach out to the seekers, the shy and the apathetic. We search every year for this activity, yet it remains unfound. Once again: is this a problem?

Again, no. I never went to church

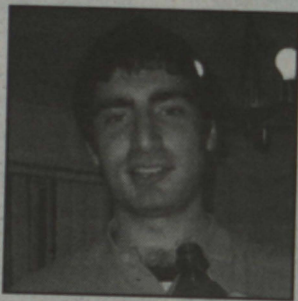
growing up, but I somehow had my own idea of God—sparked by mutiny against the prominent culture of the Bible Belt. I brought this rebellious idea to college, and nothing happened until second semester freshman year. I was searching for something missing in my life. When I went to the chapel, I found it: a community of families, parents and children, grandparents willing to adopt any student as their own. It sounds hokey, and perhaps you laugh or curl your lip in derision, but at Harcourt Parish I found the type of community that college students lack the maturity to create on their own.

I believe many people will search for meaning and truth their entire lives, but the mannerisms this search takes on vary according to a person's stage in life. Children are open and curious, yet often rely on their parents for ideas. College students, finding themselves free for the first time, become somewhat uncertain. We can be busy, self-centered, and afraid of letting on that we don't have all the answers. We search for meaning and connection with humanity, often in destructive ways. Yet these questions exist, not lost in this overly-confident and confused generation. As people grow

older, they continue to search. However, parents and grandparents understand a little better the importance of community because they must create it for themselves, rather than having it pre-made for them at an activities fair. They also understand the importance of putting away their trepidations and doing something that sets an example of what they believe.

Ultimately, it is not surprising that many speak of a paucity of religious life at Kenyon—indeed, at colleges in general. We cannot expect most students, or even half, to become active members in the religious groups on campus while they are here. At different points in our lives we will come across an inkling of how we should show the world our love. When this will occur is impossible to predict. I have been a peer minister, but others will write or sing or sculpt, and others will serve with their hands. The purpose of religious groups on campus is to offer a means of exploration, a basis and community to help students discover their idea of truth.

## Cell phones squelch community



BY JESSE OPPENHEIM  
Guest Columnist

When I first arrived at Kenyon, I was told that cell phones were treated like farts: it's something everyone does, but it's probably better not to let people hear you. I saw cell phone users thrown out of parties, getting beer poured on them by screaming upperclassmen. I saw cell phone users ostracized, food thrown at them in Peirce. I even saw a fellow first-year get clothes-lined by a football player during pre-season for using a cell phone on Middle Path.

At the time, I was shocked, frightened and appalled by this behavior which denied modern technology. I missed my family and friends at home. Why couldn't I be seen talking to them? Shouldn't these people who seemingly embraced national social reform (and other tenets of liberal thought) accept technological reform around them? What the hell was wrong with these people?

However, as time has passed and I have grown to call Gambier my home, I have started to understand the rationale of my predecessors, although I'm not sure I condone the

clothes-line method of deterrence. It's a way of filtering out the Lords and Ladies from the Losers. It's elitist, but we're on an isolated campus. The Kenyon bubble is no myth. Either you love it or leave the 'bier.

Forcing people off of their cell phones forces them to incorporate themselves Kenyon life. The only way to get over missing friends at home is to make new friends here. Honestly, the vast majority of people who leave are those who fail to make appropriate efforts at joining the community. Those who fight the system are socially dead on arrival. Those who embrace Kenyon life will not only stay socially alive, but thrive.

Cell phones are certainly a welcome part of my life. A long, dark, sketchy Middle Path alone at night feels more comfortable when I call an old friend to catch-up. On Sunday nights, I can be found on my cell phone outside of the library having my weekly conversation with my parents.

However, if there are other people around on Middle Path, I talk to them—not to people on the phone. I make sure to at least make it to the atrium before talking on my phone in the library, even sometimes quickly whispering "I'll call you back" and hanging up as I make my way outside. And I would never, never be caught yelling into my phone "Yeah, I'm at New Apts. This party sucks!" right in front of the person who happened to have paid for the drink in my other hand.

Critics of this anti-cell phone

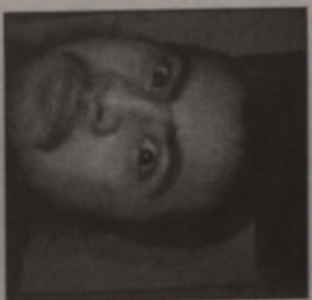
bias have brought up the case of the student with a family member sick at home. To these critics, I present the case of a friend of mine, let's call him JO. Shortly after JO returned to Kenyon for his sophomore year, his mother was diagnosed with an aggressive strain of thyroid cancer and required surgery quickly. Days before the surgery, Hurricane Katrina hit Louisiana and Mississippi, where JO's grandmother lives. Thankfully, she survived, but impurities in the drinking water caused her to develop an internal parasite, dehydrating her and leading to multiple strokes.

Just weeks into his second year, JO found himself not only distressed by these events; he also found himself faced with a very definite possibility of dropping out of college to assist with the care of either his mother or his grandmother. But JO persevered. I remember seeing him, making calls between and after classes, making frequent trips outside of the library to make calls, walking away from people when his phone rang with news. If JO was able to do it, anyone can.

Cell phones are an important part of life, but taking them out at Kenyon with other people around is just rude. So if I see you talking on your phone at a party or in the library, I may pour a beer on you or chuck a book at you, or certainly laugh if someone else does. And if I see you on your phone walking down a crowded Middle Path, I'll give you a dirty look and dream about the days when football players would have taught you better.



# Alternatives needed to curb drinking



BY SHROCHIS KARKI  
Staff Columnist

Alcohol dominates social life at Kenyon. There have already been too many "liquor parties" over the last couple of weeks for me to count—or care about. It's not like we are welcoming the new academic year with extravagance, though; liquor parties are consistent throughout the year.

I am not sure how aware freshmen are about the Good Samaritan policy. Given the events of the last couple of weeks, I sure hope all of them do. There has not been one party this year with-

was nothing—at least nothing appealing—I could do over the weekend, so I ended up back at the party scene. Over the course of the year, I became good friends with these so-called "party animals" and ended up joining a fraternity—one of the better decisions I have made.

I still don't drink. As I see freshmen wander around, searching for friends to make and things to do, I cannot help but wonder how many of them are looking for something else to occupy themselves besides getting wasted every weekend. I don't necessarily think drinking is wrong, but at the same time I understand and respect people who want something other than alcohol.

What worries me most is the coercion factor that surrounds the social scene. To be fair, Kenyon is a cordial place where people respect each other's choices, and I have become part of the party

*"Students will continue to see drinking as their only option."*

out freshmen. Now, I have nothing against first years—in fact I tend to like them—but the trend I see is alarming. They are lost in a sense of new-found freedom, and their main form of expressing that freedom seems to be drinking. Not at all surprising!

The death of Colin Boyarski a couple of years ago sparked great concern and motivated Kenyon to take the hazards of drinking seriously. The College adopted the Good Samaritan policy, which shields students from being written up if they call campus security to get help for an intoxicated friend, to ensure that students receive prompt and appropriate attention for alcohol intoxication. Able officers from security are constantly on the lookout to make sure all students are safe. Efforts are being made to curb dangerous drinking. What we are lacking are alternatives to drinking.

I didn't drink by choice my freshman year. I went to a few parties at the beginning but found the ambience unappealing to the non-drinker. I then tried out the alternatives to drinking. The major Friday night event I could attend happened to be bowling. One other person joined me on the shuttle trip. The alley was filled with smoke and strangers, and both of us decided we would much rather return home than bowl.

I tried a few other "alternatives" to drinking, but there

# Security crackdowns make party scene more dangerous



BY MARISSA MAYBEE  
Guest Columnist

The recent changes to Kenyon's nightlife scene are frightening and misguided. Over the past two years, I have seen an increase in both pressure and punishment visited upon Greek organizations for throwing all-campus parties, and I feel it is time someone highlighted the misdirection of this slash-and-burn approach to curbing underage drinking.

Remember the time you could show up at an all-campus party and sip beer until you achieved the perfect balance of buzz and coordination necessary for dancing? If Saturday's all-Greek party was any indication, those days are over. This year, if you desire to drink, you are better off pre-gaming in your dorm room. And man, nothing spells F.U.-N or B-I-N-G-E like taking six shots of Absolut in the half-hour before showing up at Old Kenyon, maybe a few Jag Bombs too. It's a long, cold walk from the Freshmen Quad to south campus, and you wouldn't want to lose your buzz.

By choosing to police all-campus parties to a ridiculous degree (the all-Greek party shut down at 12:45 Saturday night), underage drinking is not prevented; it is merely being forced underground to less-supervised locations. "Pre-game" drinking becomes the whole game, since organized Greek parties cannot serve first-years and sophomores for fear of landing on probation.

Problems result from slamming hard alcohol instead of sipping cups of

beer—problems like blackouts, alcohol poisoning and consent laws that come into play when you're both too hammered to remember the condom. All of these things happen at Kenyon, and while you may argue that people can get just as drunk off beer, I urge you to ask a few people, females especially, the last time they drank six beers in a half-hour or an hour. Now find out the last time they had six shots in the same time span. Was it Friday or Saturday night?

Soon we won't have to worry about getting drunk enough to dance. Due to "newly discovered" fire codes for every south quad dorm, the all-campus dance party is headed towards extinction. According to these codes, the maximum number of people allowed in any south dorm's collection of lounges isn't even one-tenth of the school's enrollment. I am touched by Kenyon's sudden commitment to fire safety, but its timing suggests conspiracy. These regulations were suddenly brought up at the end of last year, and the threat of their enforcement hangs over the heads of organizations wary of throwing parties in their traditional Hanna and Leonard lounges.

Why were members of Greek Council given a fire-code handout, if not to provide security with more grounds for breaking up all-campus parties? This looming threat has my organization, the Archons, too paralyzed to attempt throwing a party in our Hanna lounge. Why pay hundreds of dollars to host an all-campus party that can be broken up at any time for violating fire code?

Greek organizations without lodges or off-campus residences—including the Betas, DKEs, Archons, Peeps, NIA, Zetas, EDMs and Thetas—will just have to be content throwing 1/10-campus parties in the Old Kenyon lounges. If all these Greek organizations must share the one viable south gathering space, only one party can occur per night—and security can patrol it non-stop, slapping it with three strikes before you can say "underage drinking." But, thankfully, this year's unregis-

tered party scene is thriving. Under-agers eager to imbibic can still head to other locations to get their drink on. Too bad hosts of these unregistered parties are not required to attend party training sessions where important information concerning alcohol's effects and emergency situations is covered. Too bad security cannot do walk-throughs of these parties to ensure the hosts have everything under control, spot dangerously drunken guests and provide the general sobering effect at their presence.

The knowledge that security will be stopping by may serve to eliminate virtually all drug use at all-campus parties. But now undergrads can access a variety of dangerous and illegal substances at the sketchy off-campus destinations to which the absence of monitored Greek parties drives them.

To some readers, the answer to this quandary seems obvious—Kenyon students should stop drinking underage because it's illegal. In response to those who present such a solution, I have one thing to say: Underage drinking, while illegal, happens at college. Yes, tragic events connected with it occurred my first year, and I understand the immense pressure these circumstances placed on Kenyon to act against underage alcohol consumption. But I'm concerned that the response unfairly targets Greek organizations while simultaneously engendering circumstances more, not less, likely to produce another such tragedy. Surely all of the great minds at Kenyon can come up with a more effective solution.

If the "best" solution is to change Kenyon into a dry campus—the only realistic way to prevent underage drinking—so be it. We'll all be safer for it. Please just process my transfer-request form in a timely fashion and update the admissions brochures before you fleece another class of freshmen into paying \$41,950 to attend a college in the middle of nowhere with a nightlife revolving around clandestinely consuming bottles of hard liquor in dorm rooms and illicit locations.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors,  
I'm writing to loudly praise the 2006-2007 *Collegian* in general and the tone of your Op-Ed pages specifically. They've set a tone of reasoned argument and thoughtful observation, and they have been full of great prose so far. Special compliments to Mimes, Kvernland, Boer and Harrigan ("Workers' Woes" Sep. 14) and Mr. Van Horrick ("Right Place," Sep. 21). I winced before clicking on both titles, expecting an angry used-language sale from MoveOn.org or FIRE. Instead, here was that refreshingly Kenyon blend of humor, discipline and respect for one's audience. Ms. Kvernland had me at "elves." Keep up the good work, guys.

-Mike Ludders '05  
Editor Emeritus

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# The Swan lands at Kenyon's Hill Theater

BY JOHN SOMERVILLE, KATY DAY AND KATIE DUENNEBIER  
*Collegian Staff*

The first of the Drama department's senior theses will open this weekend and is a new version of a very old story.

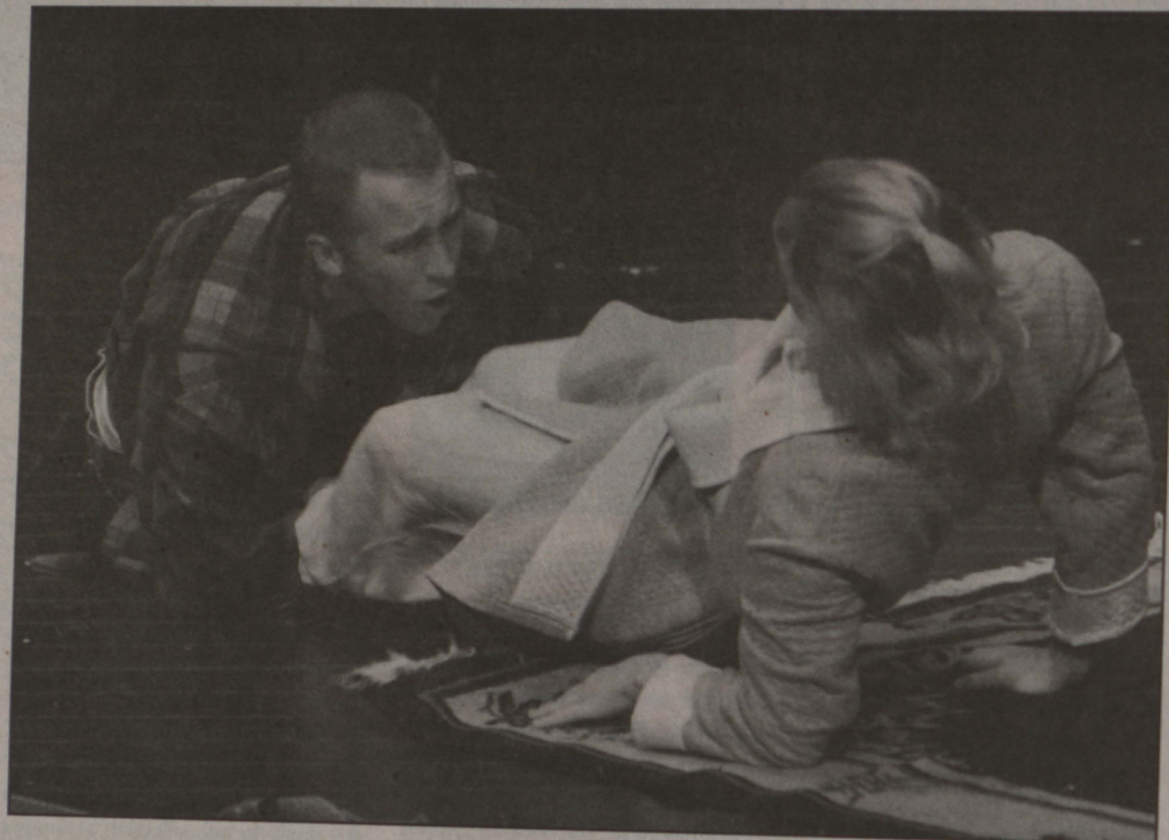
"The Swan," written by Elizabeth Egloff, is a modern retelling of the mythical tale of Leda being raped by Zeus, disguised as a swan.

The production is the senior thesis of three students, Adrienne Boris '07, Erin Ellingwood '07, and Andrew Fischer '07. Boris is the director, while Ellingwood and Fischer will be playing two of the play's three characters. This is director Boris' fourth full-length show, though her first in a *real* theater. She says that the show is "deceptively complicated," not so much with directing but with the different technical intricacies and possibilities.

These three seniors came together because of their close friendship and also, according to Boris, because they "know what good theater is."

"It is a very beautiful story of transformation," said Boris of the play. "At the same time, though, it is accessible using simple language to achieve its purpose."

The plot is based on the story of the rape of Leda, only



Anthony Fischer '07 and Erin Ellingwood '07 star in *The Swan*.

Will Cirocco

in reverse. This time, it is the swan (played by Fischer) that is vulnerable, crashing into Dora's (Ellingwood) Nebraska prairie house, and slowly becoming human. However, it is not clear who is actually changing, and Dora could just as easily be becoming a swan.

Egloff's twist on the story is the third part of the love triangle. Dora is already in-

involved with someone else, a married milkman named Kevin, played by Adam Petherbridge '08. His role is to produce a contrast for Dora between realistic humanity and the ideal nature of the Swan.

Jokingly, Boris believes that the biggest reason for seeing "The Swan" is a basic one. "There's lots and lots of sex! I don't think that the Kenyon Film Society has ever shown

pornography before," she said. On a more serious note she said, "it's a rather short fair, about 95 minutes long, but it really grabs you. Both the characters and the dialogue run between funny and sad."

Ellingwood also believes that the key to the play is its dialogue. "It's at once very mundane and very poetic. I knew as soon as I finished reading it that I wanted to

perform it," she said. She was also very interested in the sexual aspect. "[The play] deals with love and sex in a way that doesn't often get seen on the stage: it explores the darker, more animalistic side of humans and passion."

**Thursday & Saturday  
8 p.m.  
Hill Theater**

## Proctor and Wiggins show their *Underpants* in thesis

BY CALEB RUOPP, KATY DAY AND KATIE DUENNEBIER  
*Collegian Staff*

*The Underpants* has everything that a fun-loving audience wants: Good humor, a little swearing, dilemma, love, lust and of course...underpants.

It's "a funny romp of a farce" with "awesome people in the cast," said director Bob Proctor '07. "You won't learn anything deep or philosophical, but you will have a good time."

Written by Carl Sternheim and adapted by Steve Martin, *The Underpants* is opening this Friday at the Hill Theater.

The play is set in Germany in 1910 and takes place in the house of Louise (Erin Wiggins '07), a beautiful housewife who has never really discovered her sexuality. She is "hilarious but intelligent" and is married to a government clerk, Theo (Matt Peck '09), a very uptight man who fears for his job security and worries about their low income. Living upstairs is Gertrude (Sara Hunkler '08), the nosy neighbor

who wants to live vicariously through Louise.

The trouble all starts at a parade when Louise's underpants fall down around her ankles while she is standing on a bench as the King (Alex Matthews '08) goes by. (No, that part isn't onstage). Naturally, people notice, or at least hear about it. Louise's husband fears for his job, while Gertrude urges Louise to consider having an affair. A gentleman poet and a Jewish barber appear, wanting to get another glimpse of those enticing panties.

"It's different from most things at Kenyon," says Proctor. "Smaller shows normally eliminate genres while trying to find the big arc of a play." The pair chose to keep it simple, and therefore when they came across the script (adapted by Steve Martin) given to them by friend Ryan Merrill '07 (to whom the show is dedicated), it was no question that it was appropriate for this team.

Full of wit and innuendo, fine acting and plenty of laughs, *The Underpants* is well written

and skillfully adapted for today's audience. A play where you can sit back, relax, and enjoy yourself, *The Underpants* is more than a racy play about lingerie; it is about discovering your libido and seeing what people will do to get what they want.

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## The sound and the structure

Music major Ben Taylor '07 to feature alarm clocks in senior composition

BY TED HORNICK  
Staff Writer

Ben Taylor '07 is tall and blond, with a big smile and a perpetual meditative stare. A senior music major preparing to leave his school with a bang, Taylor was more than happy to speak with me about his experience in music, his long love of composing and his plans for senior comps.

Or so he said when I e-mailed him about writing an article. Then I didn't hear from him much beyond promises of "quotes" until last Saturday night, when he came into my apartment at a quarter to 11.

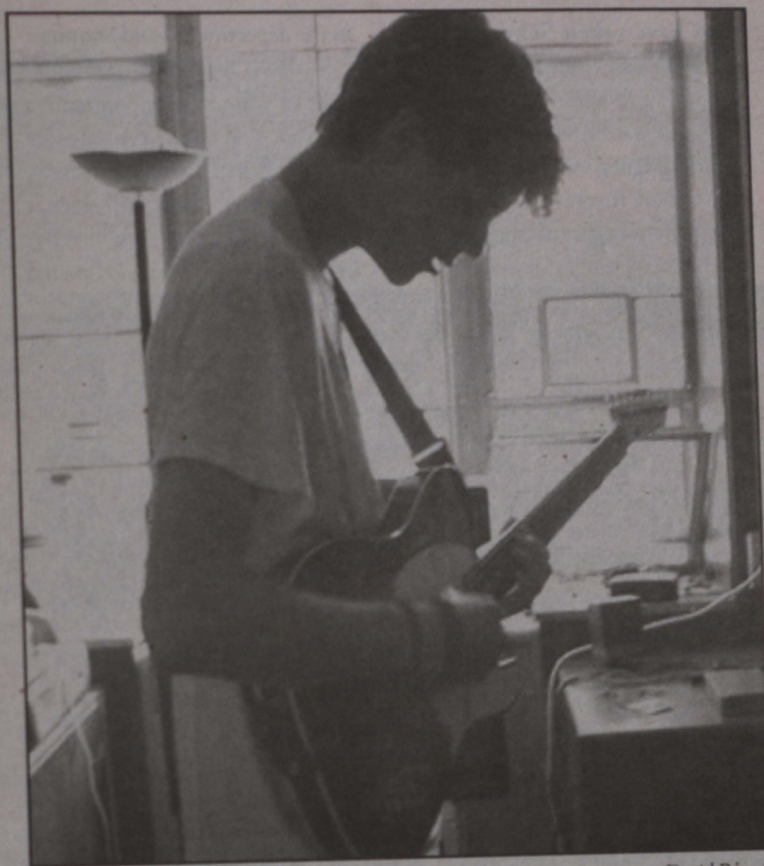
"I really hate talking about myself," he said. What followed was a half-hour flurry of the philosophies that, for Ben, strengthen music and define his goals as a musician.

"When I was four, I asked my parents if I could, like, take violin lessons," he said. "They don't know how I knew what a violin was; I don't know if I knew what a violin was."

Taylor is modest and shares his pronouncements and goals casually. "I like to know how to play every instrument," he said. "Not know how to play personally, but know what one does with it. If I'm composing for [it], I need to know the specificities of the instrument."

While many up-and-coming musicians take a do-it-yourself aesthetic and make a point of sounding "natural" and "unrefined" with their work, much of Taylor's insight into music comes from taking that same stance and applying it to the act of listening to music.

"I think that everybody can appreciate music at the same level, ... I don't think I love it more than



David Rógoff

Ben Taylor '07 focuses on creating his special brand of sound with his guitar.

anybody does," he said. "To invest your heart and understanding in the music is to appreciate it to its fullest."

When I asked Taylor to clarify his senior thesis, which is set to debut second semester, he explained that "the thesis is the use of space and time for music... music in different places and music that uses not a concert hall, and how that space determines it. The first piece is in a racquetball court, for those acoustics. One will be in a field, with the audience in a grid, the performers roaming among them in patterns, and then leaving while still playing."

Taylor also intends to explore the effects of time on music, as he "made an alarm clock ... that plays sort of strange music every morning. I associate it with get-

ting up." He intends to carry that to his peers with a series of "spring sunrise pieces" that he'll do every day for two weeks.

Taylor's goal will be not just to get an audience, but to "make getting up better [through] watching and hearing something beautiful. Every time, no matter what the music is—it could be a 10-minute pitch—but they'll hear it over and over [and] just think about the sunrise."

Taylor views crafting music "as a set of really pretty sounds or really pretty noises that are organized. When I think about the music, the hardest part is combining those two things, seeing them both at once. I see either the sounds or the structure of them, how they're organized. To put those together, that's really the key."

## Roundup on Arthur's round table

Finke and Schichtman speak on round-table motif in stories, drawings and film

BY LESLIE PARSONS  
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Laurie Finke, professor of women's and gender studies, and Martin B. Schichtman, an English professor at Eastern Michigan University, held a discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 26 entitled "We're Knights of the Round Table: The History of A Shot" in Olin Auditorium. The discussion comes from the work they have done in the field of "cinematic illuminations."

The colleagues presented the long history of the scene in King Arthur stories, drawings and films where the audience is shown the fabled round table from above. They discussed their topic citing the position of people around the table, the symmetry of the scene and the construction of the tables themselves, from the early stone tables to the "rather Ikea-like

round table," as Finke quips.

The discussion went on to talk about this image and its connection to "fascist aesthetic" and its use in a vast array of venues, ranging from political conventions to the popular film *V for Vendetta*.

Finke and Schichtman shared the presentation in what Finke describes as a "tag-team" style. Both suited each other very well, from Finke's witty and conversational tones to Schichtman's deep and powerful voice.

Finke and Schichtman have worked together for the past 25 years, a collaboration that began while the two were working together at the University of Oklahoma and trying to gain tenure at the school. They began by publishing a collection of literary theory in medieval studies in 1987, the first of its kind.

The collaboration satisfies

the social nature both professors. "Neither of us is terribly monkish," says Schichtman of the benefits of their collaboration. The duo faced challenges in the early portion of their collaboration, forced to write papers long-distance though mail. They once attempted to write a paper during a phone call. "That was a very expensive paper," says Schichtman of the venture. "Now with all the various forms of synchronous communication ... it's become pretty easy to send things back and forth," adds Finke.

Finke originally considered this most recent topic in their collaboration as a "vacation from scholarship," though, says Schichtman, "ultimately, we found out that it was pretty hard work."

Finke and Schichtman have no current plans for new projects, though they plan on discussing their research at many colleges and are seeking publication.

## KFS PREVIEWS



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*Caché*, directed by Michael Haneke

BY JASON SMITH  
Staff Writer

*Caché (Hidden)*  
(Friday, Sept. 29; 7:30 p.m.)

From Austrian director Michael Haneke (*The Piano Teacher*) comes *Caché*, an unsettling and consistently surprising thriller that appeared on many "best of" lists last year. *Caché* (sometimes referred to by its English title *Hidden*) is the story of an affluent French couple, Georges (Daniel Auteuil) and Anne Laurent (Juliette Binoche, *The English Patient*). One day, Georges, a TV personality, anonymously receives a video tape at his home. It is a simple, static shot of the exterior of their house. They receive more tapes, and over time the tapes become more personal, threatening to reveal long-held secrets.

Haneke, directing from his own script, has constructed an intricate film where seemingly innocuous details turn out to be important in the end. There are some shocking plot twists, as well as some revelations that you may only notice if you are really paying attention. It may not have a clear resolution in every sense, but Haneke uses the ambiguity to make the overall effect of the film that much more unsettling.

Binoche is the only performer here who is known in America, and she does a very good job with her role as a woman who becomes increasingly worried about her husband's secrets. But if anyone steals the film, it's Auteuil, who is riveting as a man who has carefully constructed walls around his life and now sees them coming down.

Also of note is Maurice Benichou, in the role of a friend of Georges who becomes involved in their mess. In addition to being an expertly crafted thriller, *Caché* is also a first-rate domestic drama

and incisive social commentary. Haneke's film is certainly one of the best of 2005.

*M*  
(Saturday, Sept. 30; 7:30 p.m.)

A film that inspired a million serial killer/police procedural movies and was instrumental in developing the "film noir genre," *M* is a classic story of cops and criminals from legendary director Fritz Lang. The film is set in pre-WWII Berlin, where a child murderer named Franz Becker (Peter Lorre, *The Maltese Falcon*) is terrorizing the city. The cops go on high alert to try to catch him, which is bad for the business of the rest of the city's criminals. So the criminals, saying that Becker violates even their very loose morals, decide to deal with him on their own.

Though Lorre's part was not a huge one, *M* will forever be remembered as "his" movie. It was certainly the film that made American filmmakers take notice of him, making him a successful and recognizable character actor for decades afterward. The rest of the cast is quite good as well, but if anything, the star of *M* is the dank, smoke-filled atmosphere created by Lang and his crew.

After this film, Fritz Lang became a very successful director in America, mostly in film noir. *M*, though, is arguably his greatest achievement—the only real competition is an earlier work, the silent sci-fi classic *Metropolis*. It is a classic thriller, skillfully made and exciting all the way through. Its portrait of a wretched society is even more interesting when seen in the context of the rise of the Nazis in Germany, as Lang somehow snuck some subtle commentary past the state censors. Few movies have been as influential as *M*, and few have been as successful at what they do as Lang's masterpiece.



# Rise of math majors at Kenyon: a 'sine' of things to come?

BY MARA ALPERIN  
Senior Features Editor

Twenty years ago, there were only two. Today there are 18. What has grown by 800 percent at Kenyon since 1986?

Why, the number of math majors, of course!

"Yes, I think a quarter of the students [at Kenyon] major in English. But that didn't turn me off from taking math at Kenyon," said senior math major Lee Kennard.

Although Kenyon has a reputation of traditionally being an "English" school, in the recent years the mathematics and science departments have been recognized for their strengths. In the math department, in particular, the number of student majors has skyrocketed.

"I attribute this increase in the number of majors to a combination of excellent new facilities with lots of welcoming student spaces and excellent teaching in the department," said Professor of Mathematics Carol Schumacher.

The number of math majors has at Kenyon has been hovering around 11 or 12 per class in recent years, according to Schumacher (see graph).

"There is no doubt that interdisciplinary collaborations have also led to more majors," said Professor of Mathematics Brad Hartlaub. "We have always had some math/economics and math/physics double majors, but the number of students realizing how important mathematics is in those fields has increased."

Robin Goodman '06 says he

introductory math course.

However, the numbers in the intermediate and upper-level math classes suggest that even non-majors are finding the topic worthwhile.

"Students have taken one class and discovered they really enjoy it,"

who have taken Schumacher's calculus classes remember "playing with play-dough and other cool activities," said Kjersten Hild '07.

Holdener said she attributes the rise of interest in the math department in part to "the fact that math is becoming, in society, more

in the department," said Stanton.

"We very consciously promote the math and science programs at Kenyon," said Dean of Admissions Jennifer Britz. "In recent years, we have featured math and science more prominently in our visit day programs. ... We have a special

Along with the extra effort from admissions, the department's facilities have expanded. The completion of Hayes in 2002 has provided a closer-knit community, a "family," among the math department, according to Little.

"Something that used to be very different when I started was that the science quad hadn't been built yet," said former student Frazier. "The math department offices were crammed down in the basement of Ascension. ... It was depressing down there. ... There was no communal gathering place for the faculty or the students."

Today, the department has "large windows overlooking the wooded Kokosing valley, letting in the sunlight," according to Jones. "Altogether, the new environment is much more conducive to creativity and excitement and enjoyment about teaching math and statistics."

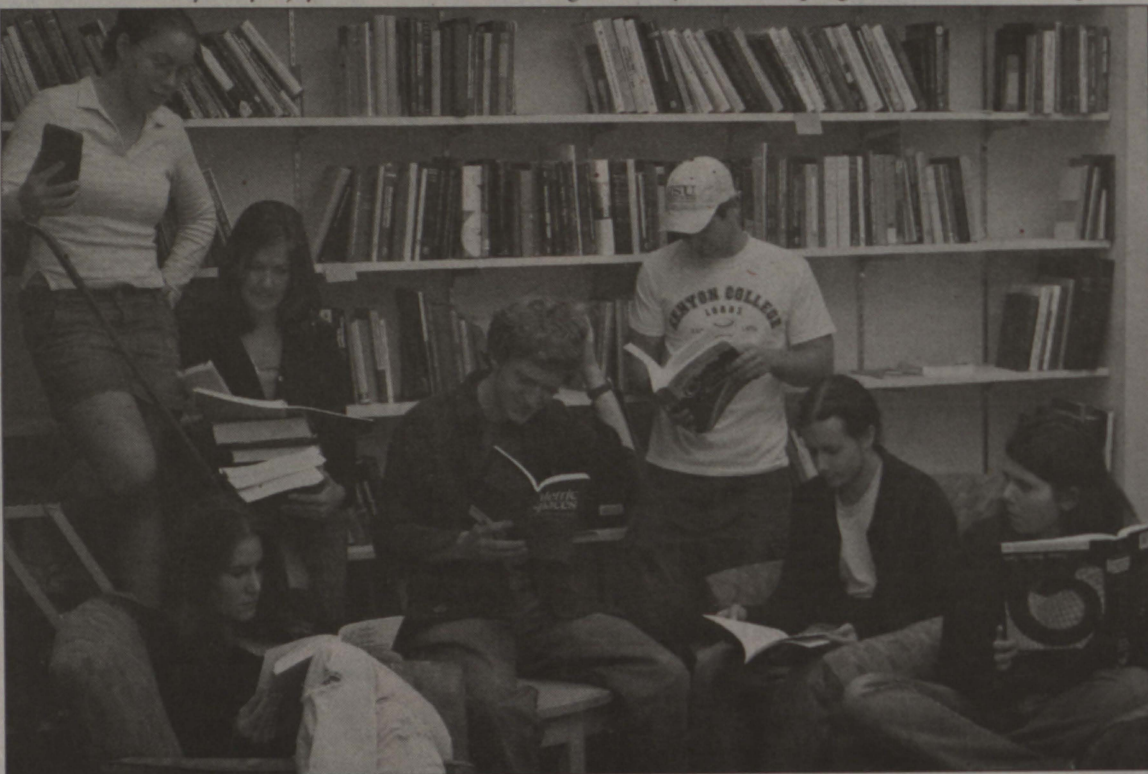
Frazier agreed that when Hayes was finished in the fall of 2002, "it made all the difference in the world. All the professors, the majors/minors and the classes were all there together. The feeling of camaraderie among the students increased so much ... that was really attractive to undecided students. I believe that without [Hayes], there wouldn't be the current upswing of majors."

"The culture of the department has changed in the past five years," agreed Milnikel. He said that Hayes has become "an open, welcoming place ... a fun place to do work, and generally hang out."

A typical evening will often find eight or 10 students sitting in the lounge with open books; occasionally, there is pizza as well.

According to Amy Wagaman '03, "on the more amusing side of things... I remember the joint math and physics picnic and playing 'set' while waiting for office hours." Wagaman is currently a fourth-year Ph.D. student at the University of Michigan.

"This is definitely an exciting time to be a part of the Mathematics Department at Kenyon, and I hope we can continue to improve our successful programs," said Hartlaub.



Tristan Potter

Senior math majors Mara Alperin, Jessica Little, Reka Horvath, Matt Zaremsky, Chad Rothschild, Jeff Lanz and Becca Dash gather in the Finkbeiner Library. Since the completion of Hayes, the math rooms have become traditional places to hang out.

said Milnikel.

Jessica Little '07 gave a math course a go during her freshman year. "I really enjoyed it," said Little. She signed up for three math courses in the fall of her sophomore year. Because the math major can be demanding, Little said that the most crucial part of her decision was the faculty. "Having a close

cool." She pointed out that shows like CBS's "Numb3rs" improve math's image.

Even though mathematics may be growing in popularity at Kenyon, this is not reflected in student numbers across the country.

"While the number of math majors at Kenyon has been going up, our colleagues nationwide complain that the number of enrollments in mathematics courses and the number of math majors have been going down," said Schumacher. She cited a survey compiled annually by the American Mathematical Society on the total number of undergraduate students enrolled in mathematics courses. Since 1999, enrollment has dropped by 23,000 at public schools and 3,000 at private universities.

Kenyon, however, is unique in the way faculty have "embraced and incorporated curricular reform efforts regarding interactive learning," said Hartlaub. "Students are actively engaged in learning on a daily basis and this has led many students to pursue undergraduate research experiences here at Kenyon. ... When other students hear and see the excitement generated by these research projects, they want to find out how they can get more involved."

"The professors really take initiative," said Little. "They help students pursue topics they enjoy and venues outside of the classroom."

Unlike Little, Will Stanton '08 said that he knew from his senior year in high school that he wanted to major in mathematics. "I had already started looking at Kenyon and heard there were good teachers

'studying science and mathematics at Kenyon' visit day in the summer, which has grown increasingly popular."

According to Britz, a new admissions video also features two special sections on studying math and science at Kenyon. She also said that interested prospective students are invited to poster sessions at lunch.

"There is a pool of students open to majoring in math and science on the day they walk in," said Milnikel. "That has been growing in the past three, four years, and now we're seeing the fruits of it."

Stanton said that his decision to attend Kenyon was also based on the fact that students could start doing independent research early. "It's been great. I've gotten to do all the things I wanted," said Stanton, listing Summer Science and a math conference where he presented his research on "Perfect Numbers and the Abundance Index."

*"I love statistics... but honestly, if it hadn't been for [the Kenyon professors] I don't know that I would have majored in math."*

stumbled across the math department through a requirement in the economics department. "I took a 200 level class with Professor Hartlaub and decided this was something I really wanted to do."

The math majors of 2007 include students doubling in math and modern languages, political science and English. The number of non-majors taking math courses has risen as well.

"Not long ago, we offered three sections of Math 106 [statistics] per year. Now we are offering five," said Hartlaub. "Enrollments are also increasing in our intermediate and upper-level courses such as Nonparametrics and Probability."

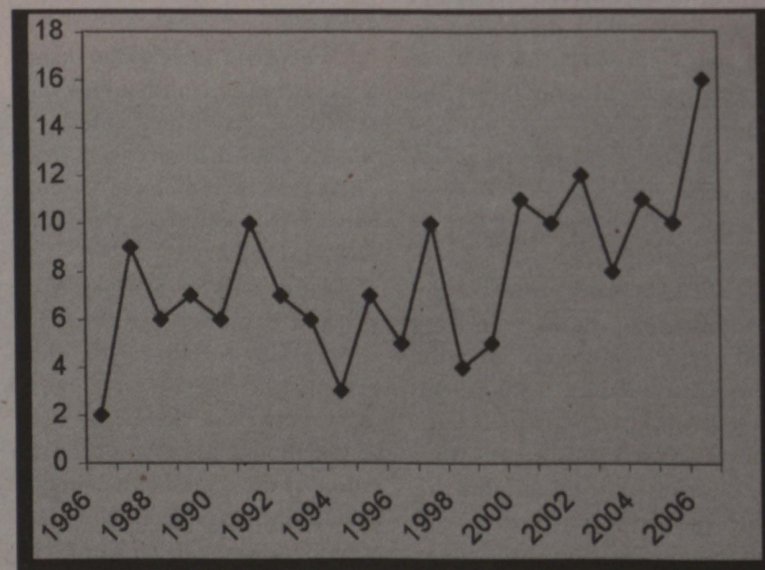
This is due, in part, to Kenyon's quantitative reasoning (QR) requirement, according to Milnikel. Since 2001, students have had to take at least one "QR" course — those dealing with data analysis and formal mathematical reasoning — to graduate, which may have convinced more students to take an

relationship with my advisor has really kept me interested," said Little.

Indeed, the faculty seems to be a big selling point for many students. "I love statistics, obviously; that's why I'm getting a Ph.D.," said Marian Frazier '02, a graduate student at Ohio State University. "But honestly, if it hadn't been for Brad and Carol I don't know that I would have majored in math. They're both great ambassadors for their disciplines, the department and the College in general."

"Students are definitely drawn in by the faculty — look at the awards," said Assistant Professor of Mathematics Brian Jones. Schumacher, Hartlaub and Associate Professor of Mathematics Judy Holdener have all won Kenyon's Trustee Teaching Excellence Award.

"The emphasis on hands-on math experiences is really attractive, I believe, since students really like figuring things out for themselves," Schumacher said. Students



Courtesy of Carol Schumacher

The above graph shows the trend in the rise of Kenyon math majors since 1986.



# KC volleyball falls twice at home to resilient rivals



Ali Kittle

Senior Sarah Richardson prepares to bump the ball as first-year Hannah Ross watches this past weekend against Hiram College. The Ladies hosted the three-team event but failed to win a game against Hiram and Capital University.

BY SARA KAPLOW  
Senior Sports Editor

The Kenyon Ladies volleyball team brought "Intensity"—a popular team cheer—to the court this past weekend as they hosted Hiram

College and Capital University. The team stuck with both opponents, starting out strongly in both matches before falling 3-0 to both challengers.

The first game of the first match was extremely close, with the Ladies

getting off to a 9-4 lead before the Hiram Terriers tied it up at 11. Kenyon went on a tear and lead by five, 22-17, before Hiram again rebounded, outscoring the Ladies 8-3 on a number of long volleys. The Ladies looked like they were

going to take the match, but Hiram came back to tie the game at 29. They scored two consecutive points, finally taking the game on a ball that fell just outside the lines.

The close game seemed to dampen the Ladies' spirits, and the Terriers got off to a strong start in the second game, at one point leading 13-5. Kenyon never really recovered and fell in the second game by a score of 30-17.

The last game was much of the same, with the blocking skills of Hiram completely shutting the Ladies down. Despite impressive kills by first-year Clair Green, their sloppy play early in the game made it impossible for them to match the power of the Terriers, who at one point went on an 8-0 scoring run. The final score of 30-18 brought Kenyon to 2-11 and the Terriers, a nationally ranked team, to 14-1.

While the Ladies then had a brief break, Hiram immediately went on to play Capital, and, with the support of dozens of fans who made the trek from Hiram, Ohio, took down the Crusaders, 3-2, in an intense and extensive fight.

The Ladies returned to the court for the final bout of the night, again starting out with a close game against Capital. Green impressed the crowd with both her offensive and defensive skills, and helped the

Ladies to a 6-0 point streak during the middle of the game. Though clearly outmatched, Kenyon made some impressive plays before losing 30-23.

The second game was much of the same, with Capital getting out to an early lead. The Ladies took the lead at 10-9 but it was short lived, as the Crusaders came back to outscore Kenyon 9-2. Capital's Jordan Centers dominated the Ladies and helped her team to a final of 30-16 in both the second and third games. Kenyon never led in the last game of the match, despite a strong showing by senior Sarah Richardson who had twelve kills on the day.

As usual, seniors Lauren Reiter and Patrice Collins played hard for the Ladies, both racking up 18 kills during the two matches. Collins also had 24 digs in the first match and 17 in the second, leading the team both times.

Despite the double loss, there were some positive aspects to the day. The Ladies attracted more fans than usual at the KAC and senior Sarah Brieschke managed 54 assists. The team traveled to Ohio Wesleyan University on Wednesday to take on the Battling Bishops and will host Oberlin College on Sept. 29. The two matches are the first in a long string of NCAC games, including three straight home contests.

## Soccer Ladies continue win streak vs. Case

BY HILARY GOWINS  
Staff Reporter

The Kenyon College Ladies soccer team overcame nasty weather on the road last Saturday to top the Case Western Reserve University Spartans, 2-0. This win marks the Ladies' fourth in a row, bringing their season record up to 5-2-0 overall.

As usual, the Ladies defense played tough and was anchored by junior goalkeeper Rosie Davis, who showcased her fifth shutout thus far this year.

The impressive play of the Kenyon defense was complemented yet again by equally skillful offensive play. The first goal of the day came from junior Amanda Drummond, who leads the team in scoring with a total of three goals this season.

Though her latest tally went unassisted, Drummond remains humble and attributes all offensive success to the team as a whole, saying, "Any one of us could score at any moment, and that's more of a threat for other teams than a single standout shooter."

Drummond's faith in her offensive teammates was proved as first-year Rachel Goheen found the back of the net off of an assist from sophomore teammate Sam Schoeny late in the game to seal the Ladies' victory, 2-0.

## Ladies, Lords post strong times at Wooster Invitational

BY SARA KAPLOW  
Senior Sports Editor

Once again, the Kenyon cross country teams posted similarly strong scores, with the Ladies placing fourth out of eight teams and the Lords taking third place in a field of six. The men's event was won by Ashland University, who placed second in the women's event with Case Western Reserve University finishing first. The event, held at the College of Wooster, was the Lords' highest-placing event so far this season.

The Lords had five runners in the top 30 in the 85-man race, with sophomore Jim Boston finishing 13th with a time of 27:43.00. Senior Ryan Weinstock was the next Kenyon runner to

clock in, taking 21st place, with sophomore Chris Houser and first-year Matt Riley less than 15 seconds behind, good for 24th and 25th places, respectively. They were followed by another sophomore/first-year pair in 29th and 31st places, with Kaleb Keyserling coming in at 28:53.37 and Robert Carpenter just seconds behind at 28:55.50.

Senior Matt Lobdell finished off the scoring portion for the Lords with a time of 29:54.00, earning 32 points and placing 44th.

Continuing to lead the Ladies was sophomore Jessica Francois, who took ninth place in a time of 19:57.00, behind a swarm of Case Western and Ashland runners. She was followed by juniors Emma Reidy

and Emily Bierman, who placed 16th and 17th overall, with times of 20:56.00 and 20:59.00, respectively.

The Ladies were not done there, however, as sophomore Mary Bloom was right behind her teammates in 20th place, along with classmate Allegra Fety in 27th place with a time of 21:52.00. Concluding the scoring for the Ladies were junior Maggie Kempner and sophomore Beth Winchell in 34th and 35th places, with only one second separating their times of 22:04.00 and 22:05.00.

Both teams have two weeks to rest and prepare for their next races, as they travel to Ohio Wesleyan University for the Ohio Intercollegiate Championships on Oct. 6.

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## Lords pull off tight win, tie Wabash

BY DONOVAN ORTEGA  
Staff Reporter

After tying Thiel College in a marathon double-overtime soccer game last week, the Kenyon Lords found themselves in another deadlocked match on Sept. 20th, this time against the College of Mount Saint Joseph. With the score 0-0 and time winding down in the second and final overtime period, senior Hans Wetzel provided a scoring blast that would put the Lords up 1-0 and clinch a frustrating game that saw the Lords outshoot the Lions 32-9.

First-year goalkeeper Jamie White played well in goal to preserve the Kenyon shutout, making five saves on nine shots. With this win the Lords improved their record to 2-4-1 and allowed themselves some confidence as they entered NCAC play versus Wabash College only three days later.

In yet another double-overtime game on Sept. 23, the Kenyon Lords were able to squeak out a tie against Wabash College in their first match against an NCAC opponent.

The Lords went down 1-0 in the 39th minute off an unassisted Little Giant goal. It was one of only three Wabash shots to make it on goal and almost proved to be a Kenyon back-breaker. However, the Lords came out aggressively in the second half, compiling four corner kicks and three shots to apply pressure to a waning Wabash defense.

Finally, in the 78th minute, senior defenseman Todd Walters was able to beat the Wabash keeper with a laser blast off his right foot, which bent perfectly into the corner of the net for his first goal of the season.

From then on, it would stay tied as the Lords continued to fight the Little Giants into both overtime periods but were unable to get another score despite outshooting Wabash 15-8 and holding a 10-1 advantage in corner kicks. It was the third overtime game in a row for a Lords team that tied a DIII record a year before, when they were pushed into seven overtime games.

The Lords will travel to Denison University this Saturday and attempt to avenge 2-1 loss they suffered last year.

## Kenyon field hockey goes 3 for 3 before dropping 2

BY BOB DIGNAZIO AND SARA KAPLOW  
Collegian Staff

After a successful week of two home games and a short trip to Wittenberg University, the Kenyon field hockey team hit the past two weekends to play three games in as many days. However, the tough road schedule did not faze the Ladies as they continued their success, winning all three games by a combined margin of 7-0. They followed up the three-game streak with two losses at the hands of formidable conference foes.

The road trip began Sept. 15th with a visit to Indiana to play Earlham College, the only NCAC game of the weekend. The Earlham squad was looking for its first win of the season but could not muster any offense as the Ladies' defense shut down the Quakers' attack. Junior Lauren Keiling continued her offensive success by scoring both Kenyon goals of the game. She connected off of a first-half penalty stroke to put the Ladies on the board. Keiling also provided the insurance goal in the second half, finishing a pass from senior Julia Sivon to put the Ladies up 2-0. Sophomore goalie Karen Thompson recorded her fourth shutout of the year.

A change of venue for games on Saturday and Sunday did not stop the Ladies, as they won both games at Transylvania University in Lexington, Ky. First up was Sewanee: The University of the South, and the result was identical to the Earlham match as the Ladies cruised to a 2-0 victory behind another two-goal game from Keiling and shutout from Thompson.

Senior Kayla Greenberg assisted on the first goal, while Sivon tallied another assist on the second goal. Although Sewanee managed six shots and four penalty corners, Thompson continued her dominance between the pipes to blank the Tigers. Keiling's two scores raised her season total to nine goals in eight games.

The Ladies stayed in Lexington on Sunday, playing the host Pioneers. This game saw more of the same from the Ladies, as they trounced Transylvania 3-0. Sophomore Kelly Adams had a big offensive day, scoring a goal in the first half off of an assist from senior Julia Boyer. Adams then set up Sivon for a second-half score. First-year Maggie Gilligan scored an unassisted goal in the final minute of the contest that saw only two shots on goalie Thompson, who earned her sixth shutout in eight games. Thompson has headed up a strong defensive unit that has allowed only three goals this season.

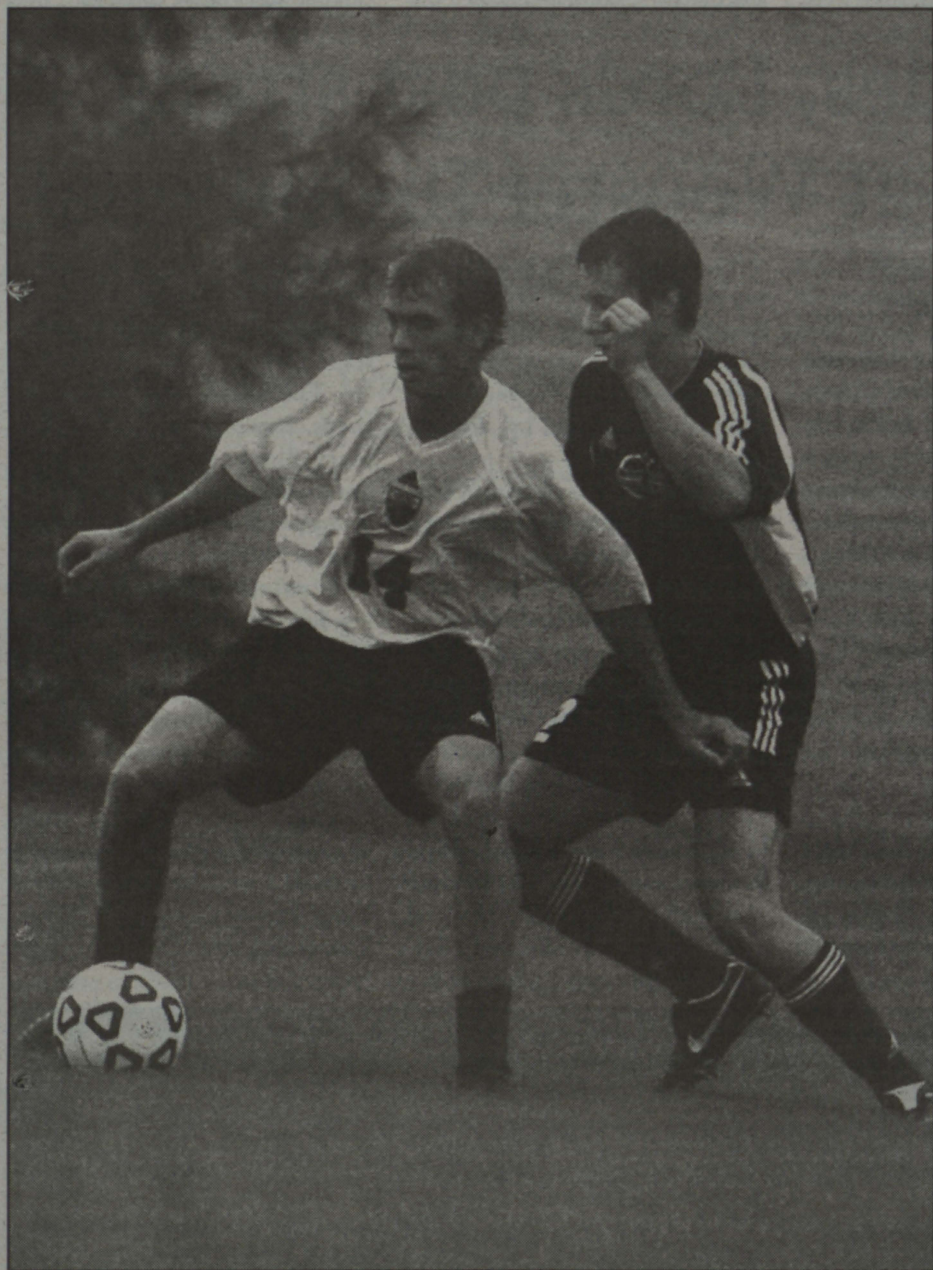
The weekend road trip moved the Ladies to 7-1 overall and into first place in the NCAC with a 3-0 conference record.

Kenyon continued its road schedule this week with games against Oberlin College on Wednesday and the College of Wooster on Saturday. Against Oberlin, the Ladies fell short, scoring only once in the contest on a goal by Greenberg. The Yeowomen managed a goal in each of the periods, at one point leading by 2-0.

Going into the game at Wooster, the Fighting Scots were unbeaten in conference play, and the Saturday match-up broke a tie atop the NCAC standings. Kenyon managed only five shots to Wooster's 13 and failed to post a score. Thompson made 12 saves in goal, holding Wooster to a 1-0 victory that kept them perfect in the conference and gave them a 6-2 record overall.

The Ladies return home after five games away to host Wittenberg University on Sept. 30. They hope to improve upon their 3-2 NCAC record and add to their seven wins.

*Due to staff error, this article was not printed last week. The Collegian would like to apologize to the field hockey teams and fans for any inconvenience.*



Ali Kittle

Junior Nate Pritchard holds off a recent opponent on Mavee Field. The Lords pulled off a 1-0 win against the College of Mount Saint Joseph before tying Wabash College 1-1 in multiple overtimes.



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